>

Title: Need to raise Minimum Support Price for paddy with a view to promote paddy cultivation.

SHRI BIKRAM KESHARI DEO (KALAHANDI): The present Minimum Support Price for paddy has become uneconomical for cultivation of paddy. This low price is discouraging farmers to go in for paddy cultivation and instead switch over to other cash crops. Poor States like Orissa and the KBK region are the worst suffers. So the Minimum Support Price should be at Rs. 1000 per quintal, to stop stagnation of Paddy Area Cultivation.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri K.S. Rao, Shri B. Mahtab, Shri C.K. Chandrappan and Shri Ganesh Singh would like to associate with this matter.